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**SENATE CONCURRENT
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Bishop
Emeritus John D'Arcy.

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3 *Whereas, Bishop Emeritus John Michael D'Arcy died*
4 *Sunday, February 3, 2013, the 56th anniversary of his first*
5 *Mass as an ordained priest;*

6 *Whereas, At 80 years of age, Bishop D'Arcy succumbed to*
7 *cancer that was discovered shortly after Christmas;*

8 *Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy led the Diocese of Fort*
9 *Wayne-South Bend for 24 years;*

10 *Whereas, As the Diocese's eighth bishop, Bishop D'Arcy*
11 *guided the faithful in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend*
12 *from 1985 to 2010;*

13 *Whereas, Always concerned with improving the quality of*
14 *the priesthood, Bishop D'Arcy stressed the importance of*
15 *selecting men who were spiritually mature, whom he*
16 *described as men who would make good husbands;*

17 *Whereas, During his tenure, Bishop D'Arcy dealt with the*
18 *nationwide shortage of priests by bringing in priests from*
19 *other countries to help staff local parishes, increasing the*
20 *number of local men who went to seminary, focusing on*
21 *education, working to raise teacher salaries in Catholic*
22 *schools, and providing financing for schools that served*
23 *low-income areas of the diocese;*



1 *Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy spearheaded the establishment of*
 2 *live television Mass for shut-ins and Vincent House, which*
 3 *provides housing for families in need, and established an*
 4 *endowment for the diocese;*

5 *Whereas, Known for being evenhanded and always willing*
 6 *to listen to another point of view, Bishop D'Arcy continued*
 7 *to teach and celebrate special Masses until his death; and*

8 *Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy dedicated his life to God and the*
 9 *priesthood and faced life and death with a deep faith and a*
 10 *complete trust in God: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
 12 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 13 *the House of Representatives concurring:*

14 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express
 15 its deepest sympathy to the family of Bishop Emeritus John D'Arcy and
 16 the thousands of Catholics whose lives he touched.

17 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
 18 Secretary of the Senate to the family of Bishop Emeritus John D'Arcy,
 19 Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and
 20 the pastor of each church in the diocese.

